CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1. (Original) A glucose biosensor for in vivo or in vitro use comprising:
- a) at least one mutated binding protein and at least one reporter group attached thereto such that said reporter group provides a detectable and reversible signal change when said mutated binding protein is exposed to varying glucose concentrations;

 wherein said detectable and reversible signal change is related to said varying concentrations.
- 2. (Original) The biosensor of claim 1 wherein said mutated binding protein is glucose/galactose binding protein.
- 3. (Original) The biosensor of claim 1 wherein said binding protein has one amino acid substitution.
- 4. (Original) The biosensor of claim 1 wherein said binding protein has at least two amino acid substitutions.
- 5. (Original) The biosensor of claim 1 wherein said binding protein has at least three amino acid substitutions.
- 6. (Original) The biosensor of claim 3 wherein said one amino acid substitution is selected from the group consisting of a cysteine at position 11, a cysteine at position 14, a cysteine at position 19, a cysteine at position 43, a cysteine at position 74, a cysteine at position 107, a cysteine at position 110, a cysteine at position 112, a cysteine at position 113, a cysteine at position 137, a cysteine at position 149, a cysteine at position 213, a cysteine at position 216, a cysteine at position 238, a cysteine at position 287, and a cysteine at position 292.
- 7. (Original) The biosensor of claim 6 wherein said binding protein has at least one histidine tag.
- 8. (Original) The biosensor of claim 4 wherein said at least two amino acid substitutions are selected from the group consisting of a cysteine at position 112 and a serine at position 238, a cysteine at position 149 and a serine at position 238, a cysteine at position 152 and a cysteine at

position 182, a cysteine at position 152 and a serine at position 213, a cysteine at position 213 and a cysteine at position 238, a cysteine at position 149 and an arginine at position 213.

9. (Original) The biosensor of claim 8 wherein said binding protein has at least one histidine tag.

- 10. (Original) The biosensor of claim 5 wherein said at least three amino acid substitutions are selected from the group consisting of a cysteine at position 149 and a serine at position 213 and a serine at position 238, and a cysteine at position 149 and an arginine at position 213 and a serine at position 238.
- 11. (Original) The biosensor of claim 10 wherein said binding protein has at least one histidine tag.
- · 12. (Original) The biosensor of claim 1 wherein said reporter group is a luminescent label.
 - 13. (Original) The biosensor of claim 12 wherein said luminescent label has an excitation wavelength of more than about 600 nanometers.
 - 14. (Original) The biosensor of claim 12 wherein said luminescent label has an emission wavelength of more than about 600 nanometers.
 - 15. (Original) The biosensor of claim 12 wherein said luminescent label is covalently coupled to said at least one glucose/galactose binding protein.
 - 16. (Currently Amended) The biosensor of claim 15 wherein said luminescent label is covalently coupled to said at least one glucose/galactose binding protein by reaction with a member selected from the group consisting of fluorescein, coumarins, rhodamines, 5-TMRIA (tetramethylrhodamine-5-iodoacetamide), Quantum Red®, (9-(2(or4)-(N-(2-maleimdylethyl)-sulfonamidyl)-4(or 2)-sulfophenyl)-2,3,6,7,12,13,16,17-octahydro-(1H,5H,11H,15H-xantheno(2,3,4-ij:5,6,7-i'j')diquinolizin-18-ium salt) (Texas Red®), 2-(5-(1-(6-(N-(2-maleimdylethyl)-amino)-6-oxohexyl)-1,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-5-sulfo-2H-indol-2-ylidene

propyldienyl)-1-ethyl-3.3-dimethyl-5-sulfo-3H-indolium salt-(Cy3), N-((2-iodoacetoxy)ethyl)-N-methyl)am- ino-7-nitrobenzoxadiazole (IANBD), 6-acryloyl-2-dimethylaminonaphthalene (acrylodan), pyrene, 6-amino-2,3-dihydro-2-(2-((iodoacetyl)amino)ethyl)-1,3-dioxo-1H-benz(de)isoquinoline-5,8-disulfonic acid salt-(Lueifer-Yellow), 2-(5-(1-(6-(N-(2-maleimdylethyl)-amino)-6-oxohexyl)-1,3-dibydro-3,3-dimethyl-5-sulfo-2H-indol-2-ylidene)-1,3-pentadienyl)-1-ethyl-3,3-dimethyl-5-sulfo-3H-indolium salt-(Cy5), Dapoxyl -4-(5-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)oxazole-2-yl)-N- (2-bromoacetamidoethyl)sulfonamide, (N-(4,4-difluoro-1,3,5,7-tetramethyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene-2-yl)iodoacetamide (Bodipy507/545 IA), N-(4,4-difluoro-5,7-diphenyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene-3-propionyl)-N-'-iodoacetylethylenediamine (BODIPY -530/550 IA), 5-((((2-iodoacetyl)amino)ethyl) amino)naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid-(1,5-IAEDANS), and carboxy-X-rhodamine, 5/6-iodoacetamide (XRIA-5,6).

- 17. (Withdrawn) A method for glucose detection comprising:
 - (b) providing at least one mutated glucose/galactose binding protein and at least one reporter group attached thereto;
 - (c) exposing said mutated glucose/galactose binding protein to varying glucose concentrations;
 - (d) detecting a detectable and reversible signal change from said reporter group wherein said detectable and reversible signal change corresponds to said varying glucose concentrations.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said detecting is continuous, programmed, episodic, or combinations thereof.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said mutated glucose/galactose binding protein is selected from bacterial periplasmic binding proteins.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said detecting of detectable and reversible signal changes from said reporter group of varying glucose concentrations is in vivo.

- 21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said binding protein has one amino acid substitution.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said binding protein has at least two amino acid substitutions.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said binding protein has at least three amino acid substitutions.
- 24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein said one amino acid substitution is selected from the group consisting of a cysteine at position 11, a cysteine at position 14, a cysteine at position 19, a cysteine at position 43, a cysteine at position 74, a cysteine at position 107, a cysteine at position 110, a cysteine at position 112, a cysteine at position 113, a cysteine at position 137, a cysteine at position 149, a cysteine at position 213, a cysteine at position 216, a cysteine at position 238, a cysteine at position 287, and a cysteine at position 292.
- 25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24 wherein said glucose/galactose binding protein has at least one histidine tag.
- 26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22 wherein said glucose/galactose binding protein has at least two amino acid substitutions selected from the group consisting of a cysteine at position 112 and a serine at position 238, a cysteine at position 149 and a serine at position 238, a cysteine at position 152 and a cysteine at position 182, a cysteine at position 152 and a serine at position 213, a cysteine at position 213 and a cysteine at position 238, a cysteine at position 149 and an arginine at position 213.
- 27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26 wherein said glucose/galactose binding protein has at least one histidine tag.
- 28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23 wherein said glucose/galactose binding protein has at least three amino acid substitutions selected from the group consisting of a cysteine at

position 149 and a serine at position 213 and a serine at position 238, and a cysteine at position 149 and an arginine at position 213 and a serine at position 238.

- 29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said glucose/galactose binding protein has at least one histidine tag.
- 30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said at least one reporter group is a liminescent label.
- 31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein said luminescent label has an excitation wavelenth of more than about 600 nanometers.
- 32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein said luminescent label has an emission wavelength of more than about 600 nanometers.
- 33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein said luminescent label is covalently coupled to said at least one glucose/galactose binding protein by reaction with said at least one mutated binding protein and a member selected from the group consisting of fluorescein, coumarins, rhodamines, 5-TMRIA (tetramethylrhodamine-5-iodoacetamide), Quantum Red™, Texas Red™, Cy3, N-((2-iodoacetoxy)ethyl)-N-methyl)amino-7-nitrobenzoxadiazole (IANBD), 6-acryloyl-2-dimethylaminonaphthalene (acrylodan),pyrene, Lucifer Yellow,Cy5, Dapoxyl® (2-bromoacetamidoethyl)sulfonamide, (N-(4,4-difluoro-1,3,5,7-tetramethyl- 4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene- 2-yl)iodoacetamide (Bodipy507/545 IA), N-(4,4-difluoro-5,7-diphenyl- 4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-idacene- 3-propionyl)-N'-iodoacetylethylenediamine (BODIPY® 530/550 IA), 5-(((2-iodoacetyl)amino)ethyl)amino)naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid (1,5-IAEDANS), and carboxy-X-rhodamine, 5/6-iodoacetamide (XRIA 5,6).
- 34. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising:
- a mutated glucose/galactose binding protein having at least one amino acid substitution selected from the group consisting of a cysteine at position 11, a cysteine at position 14, a cysteine at position 19, a cysteine at position 43, a cysteine at position 74, a cysteine at position

107, a cyst ine at position 110, a cysteine at position 112, a cysteine at position 113, a cysteine at position 137, a cysteine at position 149, a cysteine at position 213, a cysteine at position 216, a cysteine at position 238, a cysteine at position 287, and a cysteine at position 292.

- 35. (Withdrawn). The composition of claim 34 wherein said mutated glucose/galactose binding protein has at least one histidine tag.
- 36. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 34 wherein said mutated glucose/galactose binding protein further has at least one reporter group.
- 37. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 36 wherein at least one reporter group is a luminescent label.
- 38. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 37 wherein said luminescent label has an excitation wavelength of more than about 600 nanometers.
- 39. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 37 wherein said luminescent label has an emission wavelength of more than about 600 nanometers.
- 40. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 37 wherein said luminescent label is covalently coupled to said at least one glucose/galactose binding protein by reaction with said at least one mutated binding protein and a member selected from the group consisting of fluorescein, coumarins, rhodamines, 5-TMRIA (tetramethylrhodamine-5-iodoacetamide), Quantum Red™, Texas Red™, Cy3, N-((2-iodoacetoxy)ethyl)-N-methyl)amino-7-nitrobenzoxadiazole (IANBD), 6-acryloyl-2-dimethylaminonaphthalene (acrylodan),pyrene, Lucifer Yellow,Cy5, Dapoxyl® (2-bromoacetamidoethyl)sulfonamide, (N-(4,4-difluoro-1,3,5,7-tetramethyl- 4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene-2-yl)iodoacetamide (Bodipy507/545 IA), N-(4,4-difluoro-5,7-diphenyl- 4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-idacene-3-propionyl)-N'-iodoacetylethylenediamine (BODIPY® 530/550 IA), 5-(((2-iodoacetyl)amino)ethyl)amino)naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid (1,5-IAEDANS), and carboxy-X-rhodamine, 5/6-iodoacetamide (XRIA 5,6).

41. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising:

a mutated glucose/galactose binding protein having at least two amino acid substitutions selected from the group consisting of a cysteine at position 112 and a serine at position 238, a cysteine at position 149 and a serine at position 238, a cysteine at position 152 and a cysteine at position 213, a cysteine at position 213 and a cysteine at position 238, a cysteine at position 213, and a cysteine at position 149 and a serine at position 213, and a cysteine at position 149 and a serine at position 238, and a cysteine at position 149 and an arginine at position 213 and a serine at position 238.

- 42. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 41 wherein said mutated glucose/galactose binding protein has at least one histidine tag.
- 43. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 41 wherein said mutated glucose/galactose binding protein further has at least one reporter group.
- 44. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 43 wherein at least one reporter group is a luminescent label.
- 45. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 44 wherein said luminescent label has an excitation wavelength of more than about 600 nanometers.
- 46. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 44 wherein said luminescent label has an emission wavelength of more than about 600 nanometers.
- 47. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 44 wherein said luminescent label is covalently coupled to said at least one glucose/galactose binding protein by reaction with said at least one mutated binding protein and a member selected from the group consisting of fluorescein, coumarins, rhodamines, 5-TMRIA Quantum RedTM, Texas RedTM, Cy3, N-((2-iodoacetoxy)ethyl)-N-methyl)amino-7-nitrobenzoxadiazole (IANBD), 6-acryloyl-2-dimethylaminonaphthalene (acrylodan),pyrene, Lucifer Yellow, Cy5, Dapoxyl® (2-bromoacetamidoethyl)sulfonamide, (N-(4,4-difluoro-1,3,5,7-tetramethyl- 4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-

indacene- 2-yl)iodoacetamide (Bodipy507/545 IA), N-(4,4-difluoro-5,7-diphenyl- 4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-idacene- 3-propionyl)-N'-iodoacetylethylenediamine (BODIPY® 530/550 IA), 5-((((2-iodoacetyl)amino)ethyl)amino)naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid (1,5-IAEDANS), and carboxy-X-rhodamine, 5/6-iodoacetamide (XRIA 5,6).